

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** strong families form the foundation of strong communities; and

**WHEREAS,** families are the building blocks of society, providing a sense of security while shaping our individual identities; and

**WHEREAS,** through family life, our nation's most cherished values and traditions are passed from one generation to the next; and

**WHEREAS,** Thanksgiving week provides an ideal time to honor the importance of families and to recognize the special connections that strengthen and enrich families.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 23 - 29, 2003, as

### FAMILY WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the value of a strong family in providing for the sustenance, caring, education, welfare, growth, and development of its members.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sanford".

**MARK SANFORD**  
**GOVERNOR**  
**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**